

12 May 1975

Mr. John Dudek  
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My dear Mr. Dudek,

I am, of course, pleased by your kind remarks about my book Accessories After the Fact. At the same time, and I hope that you will forgive my saying so, I am rather non-plussed by your letter of 5 May 1975. The range and variety of your requests for comments and information is startling and an imposition on my time which I am not in a position to accept.

I do feel that I owe you and any other reader of Accessories who may request it copies of the letters which I cited in the book from the Winchester-Western Company. These letters were written ten years ago and I located them only after a search of more than three hours in my voluminous personal archives. At that, I found the original of the first letter but only a typewritten copy of the second letter, which came during the pre-Xerox era. I am therefore enclosing a Xerox of the original letter dated 9 April 1965 and a Xerox of the typewritten copy of the letter dated 20 April 1965. If the latter raises any question in your mind as to authenticity, you might write to the Winchester Western Company and seek their confirmation that the enclosed letter of 20 April 1965 is an exact and accurate copy.

Your request for my telephone number poses a different type of difficulty. It has been my policy and practice during the years of my work on the assassination never to seek personal publicity or prominence in the news media. I do respond when I am able to

to initiatives on the part of others. I realize that in this instance you have taken the initiative in suggesting that I should enter into a telephone interview with KMOX in St. Louis. But you say that you would "try to convince" the station to arrange such a broadcast, and if I now provide you with my telephone number it may appear that implicitly I am joining in the effort to "convince" a station to allow me to broadcast an interview. That would be contrary to my principle and my personal inclination. I prefer to deal with any such request when it is wholly spontaneous on the part of the interviewer and in no way interpretable as self-promotion on my part.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures:

- 1) Letter from Winchester Western dated 9 April 1965
- 2) Letter from Winchester Western dated 20 April 1965